

REMARKS**Summary of the Claims**

The Office Action mailed April 2, 2004 has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claims 1-11, 13-41, and 43-64 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 22, 23, 30, 31, 52, 53, 60, 61, and 63 have been amended, claim 2 has been canceled, and no claims have been newly added. Therefore, claims 1, 3-11, 13-41, and 43-64 are pending and are submitted for reconsideration.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Interview Summary

Applicant's representative sincerely thank examiner Tran and SPE Bella for the courtesy of a productive interview conducted on July 20, 2004. In the interview, the instant amendments to the claims was discussed with reference to applied prior art. In the discussion, it was decided to amend the claims to better distinguish over the applied prior art and to better clarify that the claimed method, system, and software related to one application that generated graphs from report data created by a different application. It was agreed that such a feature was not disclosed by the applied prior art.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action, claims 1-11, 13-41, and 43-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,461,708 to Kahn (hereafter "Kahn"), in view of U.S. patent 6,571,285 to Groath et al. (hereafter "Groath"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

As discussed in the interview, each of the independent claims 1, 22, 30, 31, 52, 53, 60, 61, and 63 recite an application that, *inter alia*, analyzes report data created by a different application to identify a report format of the report data created by the different application. A predefined rule for generating a graph is derived from the identified report format (of the report data created by the different application) so that a user input of one of the totals results

in the automatic generation of a graph using the predefined rule. These recited features are not disclosed or suggested by the applied prior art.

Specifically, Kahn relates to generating graphs in an application based on data that is available in that application, for example, by the user selecting the relevant blocks of data in the same application. Therefore, Kahn does not disclose the claimed automatic generation of graphs in an application based on predefined rules derived from an identified report format of report data from a different application. These deficiencies of Kahn are not cured by Groath. Accordingly, the office action fails to make a *prima facie* of obviousness with respect to the pending claims.

The dependent claims are also patentable for at least the same reasons as the respective independent claims on which they ultimately depend. In addition, they recite additional patentable features when considered as a whole.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the application, or if an examiner's amendment would facilitate the allowance of one or more of the claims, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicant hereby petitions for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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